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# **SPRINGFIELD SCENE**



**Wednesday, 29th October, 1980 — Kick-off 7.30 p.m.**  
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## MY POINT OF VIEW

GOOD evening all. A warm welcome to York City Football Club and particularly to Barry Lyons, who took over last season from Charlie Wright.

I like ourselves, York are finding it difficult away from home, and no doubt they will be looking to improve on their recent results tonight.

### **A Night with the Fans**

At the present time I am thinking of organising a "talk-in" night with the fans, where the coaching staff, myself, and perhaps, one or two of the players can get together and listen to and discuss your points of view, because, one way or another, we all want the same thing for Wigan Athletic, and that is long-lasting success and the growth of the club to the top level. I would be very interested to hear if you, our supporters, would be interested in such a venture. It does not have

to take the form of a slanging match, and I am sure that the fans who write to the Chairman and myself, will be only too pleased to come along and air their views.

### **Neil Davids**

It was sad to see big Neil having to be carried off, but, one thing is for sure, it had to be a bad injury for the big fella not to carry on. However, as breaks go, we are assured it was a straight forward fracture, and, with normal recovery, we will have him back before the end of the season.

Enjoy tonight's game.

**Ian McNeill**

**Front Page Photo: Frank Corrigan scores a delightful goal against Peterborough United (photo courtesy of the Wigan Observer).**

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## **GREAT NAMES FROM THE PAST**

**BY HAROLD ASHURST**

PROBABLY one of the most popular players ever to turn out in Latics' colours was left back Harry Parkinson. A local lad through and through Harry played for Chorley Schoolboys' before signing for Latics. He still lives in the same Shevington house today as when he signed for the Club for their first season in the Lancashire Combination.

Harry played ten full seasons as a full back for Latics and today still holds the club record for consecutive appearances in the first team — a staggering 212. When he finally hung up

his boots, and he only ever played for Wigan, Harry took over as Youth Team Coach and held that post for twelve years until he finally called it a day in 1974.

A technician with a Wigan dentist, Harry is Churchwarden at Standish Parish Church and Chairman of the Wroughtington Hospital League of Friends. He has many happy memories of his days at Springfield Park and told me "I would put the Newcastle United match as probably the highlight of my entire career. What a team we had then and I'll never forget that match".

However, Harry's comments about football these days are somewhat different. He is not a regular at Latics for the following reasons: "I went to Everton, last year, and enjoyed it but in the main the modern system of football without wingers is very dull and negative. I went to watch Wigan this season against Peterborough United but I won't be going again in a hurry, how can you expect people to pay £2 to watch a game like that? It was boring!"

It is sad when the past names of football feel this way. However Wigan fans will remember Harry Parkinson as the tigerish full back of a very successful era, when he played in the same team as Kenny Banks, Billy Lomax, and Dave Mycock. Many fans still regard that 1953-1954 team as the finest team ever to grace Springfield Park.

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**by Fred Eyre**

OUR CHANCES of winning the Umbro Floodlit League took a dive this week when an impressive Chester side completed the double over us. Our team losing 0-3 at Springfield Park.

We used this game to blood one or two young players who had not played previously, but this in no way detracts from Chester's victory, because the youngsters were our best players on the night.

Right back Kenny Freeman gave an excellent display defensively, and also looked a quality player going forward,

whilst Willie Gray at left back was very composed for a young lad and his use of the ball was first class.

Unfortunately, we lacked a bit of punch up front with Davie Glenn working hard for no reward and Tony Quinn having a night when nothing came off for him. Former Latics striker Sid Wallace figured prominently for Chester with two well taken goals, and we wish him good luck with his new club.

Meanwhile, we will keep battling on and hopefully introduce new young players in the remaining games to be played in the competition.

The team against Chester lined up as follows:-

1. Alan Harrison, 2 Kenny Freeman, 3. Willie Gray, 4. Tommy Gore, 5. Steve Silcock, 6. George McAllister, 7. Mark Wignall, 8. Davie Glenn, 9. Tony Quinn, 10. George Urquhart, 11. Dave McMullan. Sub. Brian Cunliffe.

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BY THE TIME you read these notes tickets are expected to be available for our "Supporters' Night Out" to be held on Wednesday, 19th November, 1980 when the Commercial Department will present an evening of entertainment and fund raising fun in our own Supporters Club at Springfield Park.

We expect the evening to begin with a little introductory session of fund-raising, at about 7.30 p.m., with our artists taking the stage for the first spot at about 8.00 p.m. in comedian/comper Trevor Wallace and the Austin and Young Duo, we have just the people to get us into the party atmosphere. Later in the evening, after our buffet supper, and second spots for our artists, we will welcome the Paul Vince Disco to round-off what we hope will be the first of many special nights out for our supporters. Tickets are sure to be scarce to come by as we get nearer the event, so don't be disappointed, get your tickets now at the Supporters' Club or the Commercial Department offices. For £2.50, you can guarantee yourself a good night out.

I would like to launch a special appeal to those who work in large factories or office complexes. Why not encourage your bosses, staff and colleagues to organise a party to the first of our Sportsman's Evenings to be held at Tiffany's, Standishgate, on Thursday, 20th November, 1980. With Bill Shankly and Bobby Charlton as our main speakers, and Ivor Davies as the back-up comedian, plus the prospect of a

good meal in pleasant surroundings, and good company, tickets at £10.00 per person are a real bargain offer. Providing that a black tie is worn, lounge suits will be as acceptable as dinner suits on this occasion. Tickets for this new type of venture are obtainable from the Commercial Department during normal business hours.

We have this week received delivery of a supply of Christmas Cards. Each packet contains twenty very acceptable and very presentable cards, and, at a cost of 70 pence per packet, this is one bargain which supporters cannot afford to miss. The cards are now on sale at our Soccer Shop.

Tonight's Match is sponsored by G. A. Fryer (Warrington) Ltd., Industrial Painters and Decorators, of 212 Manchester Road, Warrington. (Tel. No. Warrington 34651). We are most grateful to our old friend Mr. T.E. Gardiner for once again displaying his Company's support for our club. We are also pleased to acknowledge the donation of the Match Ball by Dickinson Lottery Systems Ltd., of Woodgate, Loughborough, Leicestershire, (Tel. No. Loughborough 218228/218278).

Meanwhile, thank you for your continued support of our activities. Enjoy tonight's game.

Yours sincerely,  
Jack Sudworth, Commercial Manager





Springfield Park, Wigan. 27th October, 1980.  
Dear Readers,

This week we have two contributions to our Letterbox feature. I thank both Mr. Murphy and Mr. Hill for their suggestions. Their complimentary tickets for the Bradford City game will be forwarded by post in due course.

All best wishes,

Jack Sudworth, Commercial Manager.

64, Corner Lane, Leigh.

Dear Sir,

Is it not possible to erect two barriers at the Shevington end of the ground with a "no-mans land" in the middle, say behind the centre of the goal? These barriers to be similar to the one now at the Shevington End that bars the home spectators from going on to the terracing at that end. If this could be done, it would enable us to use the terracing and toilet facilities and also allow us to give better support to the team on the field, rather than the current situation which has players playing towards the empty Shevington End terraces. The existing barrier could remain in its present position, so that if at any time, a large number of away supporters were to be expected, it could be brought back into operation. At present, I do not think that it is very fair to the home spectators to be packed fairly tightly together, when, on looking to the right, one can see grass growing on terraces that are never used for 99% of the matches played.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. M. J. Murphy.

131, Ridyard Street, Pemberton, Wigan.

Dear Sir,

I feel I am speaking for the majority of Latics supporters, in saying that it is nothing short of alarming to see the number of teams travelling to Springfield Park, who persist in using what has become commonly known as "the offside trap". Surely this negative attitude cannot be good for football at whatever level is played. It would be interesting to see supporters' opinions on combatting this tactic. My personal suggestion is the introduction of a 25 yard (metre) line onto the field of play, outside of which a player cannot be ruled offside.

Yours sincerely, Mr. Richard Hill.

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**LEFT:**  
John Curtis prepares to put  
in his challenge on his  
Tranmere Rovers opponent.

**RIGHT:**  
David McMullan and Eddie  
Flood both miss this cross  
in front of the Tranmere  
Rovers goal.

**BELOW:**  
Mike Quinn hammers in his  
goal against rivals  
Tranmere Rovers.



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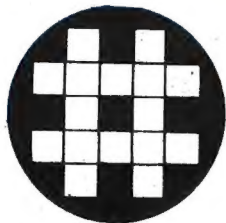


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## ON THE BALL No. 11

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

Godfrey's first name; Rod-ney, Rod-ney!  
"Mighty ---" Keegan; Di Stefano, "The Blond ---"



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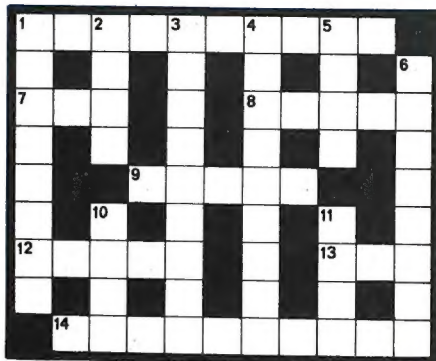
## CLUB CLUE No. 11

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:

Do they make an exhibition of themselves?

## MIXED DOUBLES No. 11

Rearrange the letters in each of the words **WEEPERS** and **BOILER** to find two sorts of defender.



## SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 11 (compiled by David Peck)  
**ACROSS**

1. Club where player-manager Ted Fenton was later followed in the same dual role by his brother Benny (10)
7. Tree at Reading's ground (3)
8. Scottish Rovers (5)
9. Case, could be (5)
12. Put the ball over ... (5)
13. ... but over the bar and it's this! (3)
14. Defender who left Leicester for Chelsea last season (6,4)

## DOWN

1. England's No. 1 player for the last few years (8)
2. England's only two matches against Peru were both played here ... (4)
3. ... and the keeper in the first of them was this Bolton long-server (9)
4. The nickname of Southend Utd. (9)
5. McManus, maybe (4)
6. Bird on the badge at the Hawthorns ... (8)
10. ... where this England defender played in the 1950s and 1960s and managed in the 1970s (4)
11. Middlesbrough's nickname (4)

Answers on Page 22.

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# OUR VISITORS



**YORK CITY FOOTBALL CLUB — 1980-1981** (Left to Right) **Back Row:** Kevin Randall; John Byrne; Stewart Ferebee; Richard Dawson; Andy Leaf; Alistair Millar; David Pugh. **Middle Row:** Barry Lyons; Andy Cléments; Steve Faulkner; Graeme Crawford; Eddie Blackburn; Terry Eccles; Derek Craig; John Simpson. **Front Row:** Roy Kay; Billy McGhie; Jimmy Walsh; Ian McDonald; Derek Hood; Gary Ford; John Harrison; Lloyd Richards.

THIS EVENING we welcome York City Football Club for a game between two sides that have yet to show the consistency needed to gain a leading position in the league table. Both Wigan Athletic and York City have reasonable home records, but their away form has been a great disappointment to their loyal fans. Apart from last year's humiliation of the Wigan side in losing 2-5 at home to "The Minstermen", clashes between the two clubs have always been very competitive and success has been hard to come by. It was against York City that Wigan Athletic began their "giant-killing" run in the 1977-1978 F.A. Cup competition, when the "Latics" triumphed 1-0 thanks to a John Wilkie goal. Since then, last September's game apart, other encounters in league fixtures have been finely balanced, with Wigan Athletic having the better of things. Personalities making up the two sides show changes from previous games, but with both Wigan Athletic and York City

anxious to fight their way up the league ladder, tonight's game is sure to be keenly contested.

To all our visitors, whether director, manager, player or supporter, we extend a warm welcome. After the recent bad weather, we trust the night will be fine and the entertainment of the highest order.

## PREVIOUS LEAGUE RESULTS

Season 1978-1979

23rd Sept. 1978 York City 0 Wigan Athletic 1

H.T. Score 0-0 Att. 3,307

Scorers: York City: 0

Wigan Ath: Gore

28th Feb. 1979 Wigan Athletic 1 York City 1

H.T. Score 1-0 Att. 5,896

Scorers: Wigan Ath. Corrigan,

Urquhart,

York City: Staniforth 3, Loggie,

Lorimer.

2nd Feb. 1980 York City 1 Wigan Athletic 2

H.T. Score: 0-0 Att. 2,400

Scorers: York City: Methven

(own goal)

Wigan Ath: Houghton, Corrigan

## PEN PICTURES

### EDDIE BLACKBURN

Signed in April 1980 for a four figure fee, he was signing. A very experienced player though he is still on appearances for the reputation of being feared by opposing players and the acquisition for the Club.

### JOHN BYRNE

Manchester born player developed as a professional



apprentice status. A player who has done well in appearances in the first division.

### ANDY CLEMENTS

Another Manchester player who has made appearances in the first division. After making a number of appearances in the Division appearances, he was transferred to York City in 1977. Has been very successful since signing.

### DEREK CRAIG — Derby

the close season on a loan at Darlington. Another player who has made appearances in service of United and Darlington.

### RICHARD DAWSON

Local born player who has been in the Reserve and Inter

# YORK CITY



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1976-1980 Member of Third and Fourth Division.



season. Only 18, he was offered an apprenticeship with the Club sometime ago but preferred to carry on his schooling. Signed contract forms in July 1980.

**TERRY ECCLES** — **Forward** — Signed in September 1979 after being released from the Greek Club Athnikos. Had previous Football League experience with Blackburn Rovers, Huddersfield Town and Mansfield Town before going to Greece. Scored on his debut for City at Portsmouth and was leading goalscorer last season with 68 goals from 225 appearances. The only City player on the books who has represented his Country at Schoolboy level in Rugby League! (Union?)

**STEVE FAULKNER** — **Defender** — AT over 6'3" tall one of the tallest players in the Football League. Signed from Sheffield United in May 1978 and has been a regular ever since. Has made 75 League appearances for City scoring 6 times.

**STEWART FEREBEE** — **Forward** — Fast young forward who was signed from Harrogate Town in July 1979. Born in Carshalton, Surrey and moved north due to his fathers job in the R.A.F. Whilst his father was stationed in Germany, Stewart appeared in Borussia Mochengladbach youth team. Made a number of League appearances for York City towards the end of last season.

**GARY FORD** — **Midfield** — Gary, who will only be 20 in February 1981, has already made 58 Football League appearances since making his debut as an Apprentice in front of 12000 people at Reading in October 1978. A very mobile, hard working player who has a bright future ahead.

**DEREK HOOD** — **Defender** — Derek was a bargain buy from Hull City in February 1980. After making his debut versus Halifax Town the same month, he appeared in all the remaining fixtures of the season, probably being the most consistent player during that time.

**ANDY LEAF** — **Defender** — Originally a left winger he has now successfully repositioned himself to left back. Made his League debut in April 1980 versus Aldershot. Born in York he was another product of the Youth Scheme.

**ROY KAY** — **Defender** — Vastly experienced back four player who is now in his third season with City. Signed in July 1978 from Celtic after previous experience with Hearts. Was ever present in his first season with the Club and had

made a total of 87 appearances scoring 3 goals up to the start of this season.

**IAN McDONALD** — **Midfield** — Much travelled midfielder player who has seen service with Barrow, Workington, Liverpool, Mansfield, Colchester (Loan)



and York City. A very skilful player who was Captain for most of last season. Was voted by York City Supporters as 'The Clubman of the Year' last season.

**BILLY MCGHIE** — **Midfield** — A hard working player who was signed from Leeds United in December 1979 for a four figure fee. Whilst at Elland Road, made two first team appearances scoring on his debut versus Ipswich Town. Made his City debut at Lincoln in December 1979 and made a total of 18 appearances last season.

**ALISTAIR MILLAR** — **Midfield** — Very experienced, skilful left sided player who was signed in the close season from Barnsley with whom he had nine years of service. Made a total of 300 appearances and scored on 20 occasions for the Oakwell Club.

**LLOYD RICHARDS** — **Midfield** — A very fast, skilful player signed from Notts County in the close season. Found his first team chances limited at Meadow Lane and made only 12 appearances in five years. Born Jamaica.

**JIMMY WALSH** — **Defender** — Signed in May 1978 from Watford. An experienced defender who is popular with the Bootham Crescent Supporters. Despite making 117 appearances for Watford and York City he has scored only two goals and ironically they were in the same match after he came on as substitute with 30 minutes remaining versus Hartlepool in April 1980.

**MALCOLM SMITH** — **Striker** — Close season signing from Burnley for whom he was Captain for the latter part of last season. Previously with Middlesbrough for whom he made First and Second Division appearances.

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Home fixtures in capitals.      Player scoring in bold.  
Wigan scores first.      † Player substituted.

<sup>2</sup> Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.  
\* In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F		A		ATT.		1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12	
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Aug 9	CREWE ALEXANDRA F.L. Cup 1 1st Leg	2	1			5,512		Brown		Fretwell		Whittle		Gore <sup>2</sup>		Mathew		David		McMullan		Wright		Houghton		Hutchinson		Tierney		A. Quinn	
Aug 13	Crewe Alexandra F.L. Cup 1 2nd Leg AET	2	2			4,063		Brown		Fretwell		Whittle		Gore <sup>1</sup>		Mathew		David		McMullan		Wright		Houghton		Hutchinson		Tierney		A. Quinn	
Aug 16	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	0	3			5,352		Brown		Fretwell		Whittle		Gore		Mathew		David		McMullan		Wright		Houghton		Hutchinson		A. Quinn		McMullan	
Aug 23	Lincoln City	0	2			3,939		Brown		Curtis		Fretwell		Gore		Mathew		David		McMullan		Wright		Houghton		Hutchinson		Whistle		McMullan	
Aug 27	Preston N.E. F.L. Cup 2 1st Leg.	1	0			8,028		Brown		Curtis		Fretwell		Gore		Mathew		David		McMullan		Wright		Houghton		Hutchinson		Whistle		A. Quinn	
Aug 30	ALDERSHOT	1	0			4,300		Brown		Curtis		Fretwell		Gore		Mathew		David		McMullan		Wright		Houghton		Hutchinson		Whistle		A. Quinn	
Sep 3	PRESTON N.E. F.L. CUP 2 2nd Leg	1	2			9,692		Brown		Curtis		Fretwell		Gore		Mathew		David		McMullan		Wright		Houghton		Hutchinson		Whistle		A. Quinn	
Sep 6	PORT VALE	1	0			4,666		Brown		Fretwell		Whittle		Gore <sup>1</sup>		Mathew		David		McMullan		Wright		Houghton		Hutchinson		Whistle		A. Quinn	
Sep 13	Darlington	1	3			2,321		Brown		Fretwell		Whittle		Gore <sup>1</sup>		Mathew		David		McMullan		Wright		Houghton		Hutchinson		Whistle		A. Quinn	
Sep 16	Halifax Town	1	0			2,052		Brown		Curtis		Kettle		Gore		Mathew		David		McMullan		Wright		Houghton		Hutchinson		Whistle		Glenn	
Sep 20	BURY	2	1			6,021		Ward		Curtis		Kettle		Gore		Mathew		David		McMullan		Wright		Houghton		Hutchinson		Whistle		Glenn	
Sep 27	Manfield Town	1	3			3,402		Ward		Curtis		Kettle		Gore <sup>2</sup>		Mathew		David		McMullan		Wright		Houghton		Hutchinson		Whistle		Glenn	
Oct 1	HALIFAX TOWN	4	1			4,247		Ward		Curtis		Kettle		Gore		Mathew		David		McMullan		Wright		Houghton		Hutchinson		Whistle		Glenn	
Oct 4	Rochdale	0	3			3,479		Ward		Curtis		Kettle		Gore		Mathew		David		McMullan		Wright		Houghton		Hutchinson		Whistle		Glenn	
Oct 8	DONCASTER ROVERS	3	0			3,608		Ward		Curtis		Kettle		Gore		Mathew		David		McMullan		Wright		Houghton		Hutchinson		Whistle		Glenn	
Oct 11	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	1	1			5,320		Ward		Curtis		Kettle		Gore		Mathew		David		McMullan		Wright		Houghton		Hutchinson		Whistle		Glenn	
Oct 18	Torquay United	0	2			2,013		Ward		Curtis		Kettle		Gore		Mathew		David		McMullan		Wright		Houghton		Hutchinson		Whistle		Glenn	
Oct 20	Southern United	0	2			5,643		Ward		Curtis		Kettle		Gore		Mathew		David		McMullan		Wright		Houghton		Hutchinson		Whistle		Glenn	
Oct 25	TRANMERE ROVERS	1	1			5,421		Ward		Curtis		Kettle		Gore		Mathew		David		McMullan		Wright		Houghton		Hutchinson		Whistle		Glenn	
Oct 29	YORK CITY	1	1			5,421		Ward		Curtis		Kettle		Gore		Mathew		David		McMullan		Wright		Houghton		Hutchinson		Whistle		Glenn	
Nov 1	A.F.C. Bournemouth																														
Nov 4	Doncaster Rovers																														
Nov 12	BRADFORD CITY																														
Nov 18	NORTHAMPTON TOWN																														
Nov 15	Hartlepool United																														
Nov 22	F.A. Cup 1																														
Nov 29	Hereford United																														
Dec 6	SCUNTHORPE UNITED																														
Dec 13	F.A. Cup 2																														
Dec 20	Wimbledon																														
Dec 26	CREWE ALEXANDRA																														
Dec 27	Stockport County																														
Jan 3	SOUTHEND UNITED																														
Jan 10	YORK CITY																														
Jan 17	HEREFORD UNITED																														
Jan 24	Aldershot																														
Jan 31	LINCOLN CITY																														
Feb 3	Northampton Town																														
Feb 7	DARLINGTON																														
Feb 14	Port Vale																														
Feb 21	MANFIELD TOWN																														
Feb 28	Bury																														
Mar 7	ROCHDALE																														
Mar 13	Peterborough United																														
Mar 21	TORQUAY UNITED																														
Mar 27	Tranmere Rovers																														
Apr 4	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH																														
Apr 11	Bradford City																														
Apr 18	STOCKPORT COUNTY																														
Apr 20	Crewe Alexandra																														
Apr 25	WIMBLEDON																														
May 2	Scunthorpe United																														

# FOURTH DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 25th OCTOBER, 1980

	HOME RECORD				AWAY RECORD				PTS		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	L			
Southern United	16	8	0	0	20	1	3	12	10	25	
Lincoln City	16	4	3	1	20	5	2	1	9	4	23
Grimsby Town	16	6	1	1	13	4	3	1	4	9	20
Widnes	16	4	3	1	15	0	3	1	4	7	20
Peterborough Utd	16	5	1	2	11	6	3	2	3	13	19
Doncaster Rovers	16	6	0	2	18	5	1	3	4	8	16
Tranmere Rovers	16	3	2	3	10	6	2	3	2	11	17
Crewe Alexandra	16	5	0	3	10	6	2	3	3	9	15
Leeds United	16	4	1	3	14	7	3	1	4	7	10
Wimbledon	16	2	4	2	11	12	3	2	3	8	10
Stockport County	16	5	0	3	13	7	2	1	5	6	11
Orkney United	16	5	2	1	14	5	0	3	5	6	16
Cardiff City	16	2	4	2	10	11	2	3	3	10	11
Northampton Town	16	4	0	3	10	5	1	2	4	9	19
Southend	16	4	3	1	18	6	1	2	7	9	19
Accrington	16	2	3	3	12	12	2	3	4	4	12
Doncaster	16	5	1	3	13	7	1	2	6	3	14
Wigan Athletic	16	4	1	3	14	6	1	0	6	4	18
Blackburn Rovers	16	5	1	4	10	11	3	0	5	7	13
Derby County	16	2	4	2	12	8	0	3	5	1	17
Grimsby United	16	3	1	4	9	13	1	1	6	8	15
Widnes	16	3	1	4	9	12	0	3	5	5	15
Grimsby Town	16	3	1	4	9	12	0	3	5	5	15

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# PLAYER

**David McMullan**

(Midfield)

*Birthplace:* Denny, Stirlingshire

*Place of Residence:* Goose Green,

Wigan

*Date of Birth:* 13th June, 1960.

*Height:* 5'5"

*Weight:* 10st. 3lbs.

*Former club:* Cumbernauld United Juniors

*Advice to Youngsters:* Always give one hundred per cent effort.

After several games as substitute towards the end of the 1979-1980 season, David eventually made his debut as a first-choice selection against Crewe Alexandra in the Football League Cup on Saturday, 9th August, 1980. To date, this season, he has made 14 appearances in League and Cup games and, in addition, he has three times filled the substitute's role.



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### **A TRIBUTE TO PETER D. WOODS**

IT IS WITH regret that we must note the passing of Peter D. Woods, Secretary/Activities' Organiser of the Wigan Athletic Supporters' Club, Springfield Park, Wigan.

Peter's death, coming as it did so suddenly on Sunday morning, has been a great shock not only to his dear wife, his loved ones and friends, but to many other people who knew this gentle man through his work at the Supporters' Club and through the notes which he so carefully prepared for this section of our programme.

One meets many people connected with Football and its associated organisations, but all who knew Peter speak of his absolute dedication to the Supporters' Club and the welfare of its membership, young and old alike. Over the years, many, many hours of his own time were devoted by Peter, who will be remembered as a courteous, quiet, unassuming, loyal and efficient member of the Springfield Park team.

The funeral cortege will leave the Woods' home at 178, Gathurst Road, Orrell, at 11 a.m. on Friday morning, 31st October, 1980.

prior to the service to be held at St. Anne's Church, Beech Hill, at 11.30 a.m.

As a mark of respect, a minute's silence will be observed prior to the kick-off of tonight's game against York City, and the players will wear black arm-bands.

To Peter's wife and loved ones, we extend our deepest sympathy as we share in the loss of a dear friend.





**BOOM SIDE** Crewe Alexandra have succeeded where the mighty Liverpool have failed . . . to sign Zimbabwe goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar from the American outfit Vancouver Whitecaps. Grobbelaar, possibly one of the finest goalkeepers in the League last season, was set to join the Anfield side but Liverpool's £250,000 offer was rejected as "insufficient". Now Bruce is going back to Gresty Road for another short spell with the club for whom he conceded only 25 goals in twenty-four Division Four appearances last year.

Poor old Northampton Town were certainly out for the count this week. Reeling, yet having got up at the count of eight goals against at Lincoln City on Saturday, the knock-out was completed on Monday when Mansfield Town inflicted a 0-2 defeat. Following on the signing of Joe Jakub from Burnley for a giveaway £12,000, Bury manager Jim Iley swooped to recruit Wigan Athletic's former Player of the Year, Tommy Gore, for a mere £25,000. Gore immediately began to repay his transfer fee

with his first goal for his club on his debut against Bradford City. The game ended 2-2.

At Valley Parade it is a case of how the mighty, and the gates, have fallen. Last term Bradford City commanded reasonable attendances as they pushed for promotion, with an average turn-out of around 5,740, but a recent "gate", for the Port Vale game, of only 2,843, was the lowest attendance at Valley Parade for eighteen months. In fact, Bradford's average gate this season, compared with last, is down by more than 2,600 spectators.

Disappointment for Robbie Cooke, the striker released by Mansfield Town, only to return to League football with Peterborough United. His side lost the local "derby" 1-2 but he did have the consolation of scoring Peterborough United's only goal.

Division Four leading scorers to date: Cooke (Peterborough United) 14, Hobson (Lincoln City) 13, Lumby (Tranmere Rovers) 12, Harford (Lincoln City) 12, Spence (Southend United) 11, Phillips (Northampton Town) 11.



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# SCENE & HEARD

READERS will have read, elsewhere in this programme, of the sudden death of Peter Woods, and it is with equal regret that we must report the passing of Mr. George Baldwin (aged 73) of 30, Heather Grove, Newtown, Wigan. Mr. Baldwin had supported Wigan Athletic since its formation in 1932, and long before that he had shown a lively interest in soccer played at Springfield Park. It is always sad to lose a supporter who has shared so often the ups and downs of the club's fortunes, and to his relatives and friends we extend our sympathy at their time of sorrow.

FOOTBALL these days seems to spend much of its time in examining ways and means of improving the game's image and its attraction to the paying customer. Although, at the time of going to press, final details of the Football League Chairman's Seminar at Solihull are not to hand, early information suggests that football as we have known it in recent times is due for some revision in rules and presentation.

Suggestions that the season run from September to the end of May and that clubs be given the freedom to stage their week-end home games on either Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, are interesting developments in

thinking. The plan to award three points for a win is seen as a positive attempt to reward attacking football, while a tightening-up of transfers completed on an instalment basis is evidence of a desire to bring a little sanity into a situation which has seen clubs acquire the services of players at a risk of "mortgaging" their financial future.

The need to improve amenities at grounds, to attract "family" audiences, and provide more entertainment has been recognised by other proposals to be put forward for consideration by the Football League Management Committee and possible acceptance by the member clubs at a later date. Changes to voting powers and majorities in voting required to bring about alterations to rules have also been suggested.

Whatever the final package produced by the weekend's deliberations, it is obvious that changes are imminent and the initial information outlined above is only likely to be the prelude to other schemes designed to inject a little more reality, vision and action into the promotion of Association Football as a viable business operation.

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## The Chairman's Column

I am pleased to welcome the York City Football Club, its directors, management, players and supporters to Wigan tonight. We look forward to an enjoyable game and a friendly get-together before and after the match.

After a hectic two days at the Football Seminar at Solihull, I write these notes stimulated by "the breath of fresh air" which promises to blow away the cobwebs surrounding Soccer, leaving the way clear for the introduction of new ideas, which promise to revitalise the game. Although the decisions which gained the initial approval of the majority of the Chairmen, will need the support of an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held in January, the signs are good for the future.

A September to May playing season, a more flexible attitude to the staging of week-end games and an attempt to bring reality into transfer deals, all received the nod. My major personal contribution was to voice my support for the suggested three points for a win — a move aimed at encouraging attacking skills and a more positive attitude towards entertaining spectators. I was also pleased to endorse the view that hooliganism is a major problem of Society, rather than something peculiar to Soccer, and the need for Government to take more positive steps to rectify a deteriorating situation. Perhaps one of the most far-reaching suggestions was to allow each of the Third and Fourth Division clubs a vote on re-election issues, instead of the six block votes allowed at the present time. I feel that this move will make it even more difficult for aspiring non-league clubs to gain elevation to the Football League, since clubs in the lower reaches of the Football League have historically supported each other against the threat offered by the non-league clubs. Wigan Athletic can afford to feel well-pleased to have already gained membership, rather than to be left to strive to achieve what for many will become "the impossible dream".

Before closing, I must comment on the many letters I have received recently offering advice as to how we could best improve the current state of affairs, I fully intend to reply to those people who have been polite enough to state their names and addresses, but I have little time for the correspondents who express criticisms without having the courage to identify themselves. I can assure these doubters that I personally have all the courage necessary to take any decision which might need to be taken, however unpleasant any such decision might turn out to be. It does surprise me, though, that people can so easily forget the good work achieved in the recent past, when more difficult times come along and affairs do not progress quite so smoothly, and I can see no need for drastic action at this time. As I have written several times before, please be patient and support your club, because the good times are coming.

Enjoy the game.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman.

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<b>John Curtis</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Derek Hood</b>
<b>Brian Kettle</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Roy Kay</b>
<b>George Urquhart</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Malcolm Smith</b>
<b>Colin Methven</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Andy Clements</b>
<b>Dave Fretwell</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Derek Craig</b>
<b>David McMullan</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Jimmy Walsh</b>
<b>Jeff Wright</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>John Byrne</b>
<b>Bobby Hutchinson</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Terry Eccles</b>
<b>Mike Quinn</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Alistair Millar</b>
<b>Frank Corrigan</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Ian McDonald</b>
<b>Peter Houghton</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Billy McGhie</b>

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